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To: DDRS Stakeholders

From: Nicole Norvell, Director, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services

Re: Caregiver Support Services

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Each year the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) has made limited program funding available for Caregiver Support Services, which many families and individuals across Indiana have been able to utilize. These funds are typically available in July of each year, however, DDRS has received valuable suggestions from the families using this service and we want to ensure that we explore those ideas thoroughly. One of the concerns presented by several families is the burden imposed when asking families to come into the local offices and wait for several minutes or hours to process your application.

DDRS will be taking some time to thoughtfully evaluate the application process and how best to serve our constituents. While some of you may be disappointed that applications will not be available in July, it is our hope that we create an application process that is easier and more accessible to individuals requesting Caregiver Support Funds. We plan to continue working on this expeditiously and have applications available September 1, 2013.

